

LOCAL LORE.

NEWS OF CORVALLIS AND VICINITY TOLD IN BRIEF.

The Comings and Goings of People, Social Gossip, Personal Mention and Other Items of Public Interest.

—Don't miss the moving picture show Monday night. It will be a treat.

—The church of Christ will begin a revival service next Monday evening.

—R. V. Fether Springer will conduct services in the Catholic church at Moor on tomorrow.

—S. B. Baese was a homeward passenger from Portland on Thursday's Westside train.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Rickard of Long Tom, took the train here Thursday on their way for a visit at Junction.

—Congregational church—Sunday morning, "Way Four statements of the Gospel?" Evening, "Great Britain, Russia and the Eastern Question."

—Mr. and Mrs. John Allen entertained about twenty friends Wednesday evening. Cards was a feature of the evening's amusement.

—Services at the M. E. church South tomorrow at usual hours. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Members especially requested to be present. All cordially invited.

—The First Spiritual Union of Corvallis will hold services Sunday in Barrett Lyceum. Doors open at 2:30. Service at 3 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

—Mrs. Elgin left yesterday morning for Salem, where she was called on account of sickness of her daughter, Miss Sophia, who is taking a course in nursing in the Florence Sanitarium.

—Among the more important recorded real estate transfers is the sale of the Wm. L. Cauthorn farm west of Philomath to Lewis Hartley. The sale involves the transfer of 164 acres.

—At five o'clock next Tuesday evening, the time expires for getting the three per cent rebate for payment of taxes. All who take out receipts after that will have to pay 100 cents on the dollar instead of 97.

—The pools of water on both sides of Main street in the postoffice blocks have disappeared. Thursday, Chief Lane had workmen dig down to the coarse gravel above the flag and the flood went away with a rush.

—As a result of scratching a small pimple on his leg, Otis Skipton was in town Thursday to see a doctor. The limb was badly swollen and the pain excessive enough to prevent sleep at night. There was fear at last accounts that it was a case of blood poisoning.

—The Y. P. S. C. E. of the First Presbyterian church are planning an excursion in honor of St. Patrick, starting from Cork, Ireland, on the Funville, Frolletown and Featherbrake R. R. and touring through the U. S. Ticket office at the home of F. L. Miller on the evening of the 17th.

—Gus Winkle and F. M. Barnett were in Corvallis Wednesday and Thursday on business and the pleasure of meeting friends. Gus recently purchased an interest in a tract marked at Junction and for an indefinite time hereafter expects to wield the cleaver.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Howell are again at the helm of the Farmers' Hotel, having purchased the appurtenances from Manfred Selts. The change occurred Thursday morning. Mr. Selts' family will remain in Corvallis, but he will himself do business one way or another in the remote regions of Lincoln county.

—Those who have heard Rev. Berry lecture at the Church of Christ are delighted with the interesting subject of church history. The time and subjects for the remaining lectures are as follows: Friday—The History and Teaching of John Calvin. Saturday—The History and Teaching of John Wesley. Sunday morning—The History and Teaching of the Baptists. Sunday evening—The History and Teaching of the Disciples of Christ.

—The late rains have caused the sewer flies to settle to an unusual extent. Many large caves are also noticeable along the lines of the sewer. It seems that the lower flying settles, having an arch of earth toward the top which maintains its position for an indefinite time. When heavy rains come, however, the upper crusts may be soaked to such an extent that they do not support themselves. Upper crusts are now giving way along the sewers constructed several years ago.

—J. D. Howell's little son who was so severely injured a few days ago by the kick of a horse, is recovering rapidly, but he will bear several facial scars as the result of the accident. It is reported that the little fellow has pretty much his own way about things. It seems that he must be kept in a serene state of mind, since an exercise of the facial muscles for either laughing or crying, has a tendency to pull on the stitches in the wounds, a condition not greatly to be desired either by the injured child or his parents.

—Two drunks paid fines of \$5 each into the city treasury, Wednesday.

—A new two-story dwelling is going up on lots owned by M. S. Woodcock in Job's addition. The frame is already up.

—The recital of the musical department at the college, takes place in the chapel this evening. The doors close at 8 o'clock sharp.

—The Willamette reached a stage of 18 feet in the late rise, Thursday evening it began to fall, and at noon yesterday it was at a 15.1-2 foot stage.

—A telephone message yesterday morning called Mrs. Sarah Cautner to Rickard to be at the bedside of her cousin, Miss Allie Burch, who is seriously ill.

—Up to yesterday morning 1,135 persons had paid taxes. On the same date last year the number was 915, or 220 less. The big rush of the season is expected today.

—The lumber is on the ground for a new dwelling house to be erected on E. A. Morgan's property in Job's addition. The building when completed is to be occupied by Clifford Kerr and family.

—The wide popularity of Mahara's minstrels is shown by the fact that the company played to a \$354 house in Chico, California, a town but a few hundred larger than Corvallis. The show is said to have 40 people.

—Owing to threatened hostilities in the immediate vicinity, Mrs. H. B. Miller, formerly of Corvallis, and whose husband is U. S. consul at Niuchwang, has been compelled to remove from that city to a place of greater safety.

—Distinction has been won by Thomas Blyden, an O. A. C. graduate, who is now a student at Cornell. He has received a commission by the Cornell authorities to go to St. Louis and make drawings of certain machinery to be displayed at the World's Fair.

—Hall's Bakery has changed hands. The new proprietor is L. E. Bender, a wide-awake business man, late of Ashland. He took possession of the establishment yesterday morning. Mr. Hall who retires, has been a Corvallis business man for more than a dozen years, and has many friends.

—The local institute and parents' meeting scheduled to take place in Philomath next Friday, has been postponed by Supt. Dorman until April 9th. The postponement was made in order not to interfere with the closing exercises of the Philomath public schools which take place March 25th.

—This week F. L. Miller received from Connecticut four fine Buff Orpington chickens—three pullets and a cockerel. These chickens are the offspring of prize winners at the great poultry shows of Chicago, Boston, and Madison Square Gardens, and are undoubtedly the best of the Buff Orpington strain to be secured anywhere.

—Many persons are calling at the clerk's office for copies of the Local Option and Primary Election laws, both of which are to be submitted to the voters under the Initiative at the coming election. The first named is fairly brief, covering only about a dozen pages, but the other is so long that it forms a pamphlet of over 40 pages.

—Those who complain at high taxes in Benton will be interested in hearing from their brother taxpayers in the town of Ottumwa, Iowa. J. W. Wood of this city, receives a newspaper from there, and a late issue contains the interesting information that the tax levy there is 96 mills. The tax on a \$500 property there is \$48. In Corvallis it would be \$13.70. In Benton, outside of incorporated towns, it would be \$8.20.

—In Wednesday's account of the application of the O. & E. for a reduction of taxes and of the county court's refusal to grant the petition, "The Times" failed to announce that Commissioner Irwin sat on the throne and joined with the other members of the court in the refusal to grant the railroad company's petition. Commissioner Irwin was there in all his pristine beauty, and was in harmony with the others in passing on the petition.

—When Tommy Whitehorn left Corvallis to join his family in California, he was not quite certain where he would find them, a situation brought about by irregular mails at that time. Letters received here from him give the information that all is well with him. Tommy is interested in the prune business to some extent here. He stepped into a grocery store at Golden Gate Park and inquired the price of some good-looking 40-50 Italian prunes on display. "They are worth 15 cents a pound," said the groceryman. Whitehorn was surprised that they were so high and affected a decision not to buy on that account. The groceryman said the prunes cost him ten cents a pound, but if Whitehorn would take a 20-pound box he could have them at 12.1-2 cents. Then Tommy said to the groceryman: "You are paying too much for your prunes. I should like to deliver a carload of better fruit at your door at six cents." The incident serves to illustrate the rapidity with which the price of prunes goes up after leaving the hands of the producer.

Chief of Police. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of chief of police at the coming city election to be held May 16, 1903, and if elected will endeavor to see that the laws are enforced to the best of my ability. Lee Henkle.

BENTON NEWS.

BUILDING OF RURAL LINES CONTINUES IN KING'S VALLEY.

Farm Sold There—Bidding on Electric Lights at Philomath—Putting in Telephones There—News Items From Summit.

Kings Valley, March 10.—Putting up the poles on the Johnson and Kings Valley Telephone line was finished Wednesday and the wire is on the ground ready to be hung.

On account of the illness of the teacher in the Valley the school is closed this week.

Hoskins people intend to run a line out to connect with Kings Valley.

Born recently to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Snythers a boy.

Lincoln Chambers has sold his farm to George and Will Dodley. \$25.00 was the price. Mr. Chambers expects to buy property in Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Price are the proud possessors of a fine 10 pound boy.

H. L. Bush is in Corvallis at work on the 1904 assessment.

There was snow on the top of some of the hills around the valley again today.

We believe the average Webfoot could stand a week of fair weather without being afraid of a draught.

There has been very little loss of livestock in the Valley yet but there are lots of sheep and cattle that are very thin. Some are complaining of scarcity of feed. Uno.

At Philomath.

J. C. Dawson of Eastern Washington is in town looking for a location.

Mr. Carey of Falls City was in town Tuesday on his way to Pleasant Valley.

Philomath is sure to have telephones. The Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Co. is installing some local phones and the citizens are planning to put in a system of their own.

John Brumfield sold his place to W. H. Smith. Mr. Smith will move in immediately.

At the regular session of the City Council Monday night the question of electric lights was brought up. Mayor Burnap appointed a committee to confer with two competing parties. The committee will report next meeting.

J. E. Leonard and family of Kansas are at the hotel. Mr. Leonard is a brother-in-law to Mayor Burnap. These people are looking for a location.

M. G. Steel manager of the Steel and Freeland Show Co. is in town arranging for a show to be given in the I. O. O. F. Hall next Saturday night, March 19th under the auspices of the W. O. W. INSIGNE.

At Summit.

C. J. Harrison has sold out his interest in the Philomath meat market. He still owns the building.

Guy McReynolds has a store here and is selling lots of merchandise.

Mrs. Annie McReynolds went to Corvallis on business this week.

Mrs. Etta Broday and children of Douglas arrived Monday.

People of Summit are to have a basket social the 18th of this month the proceeds to go to help the minister Mr. Plowman.

Mrs. Clara Coot is visiting her sister Mrs. Steidle, at Kent Oregon.

M. R. Savage is still very weak and feeble.

Mrs. Emma Liebi has been ailing most of the winter.

C. H. Mattoon returned Monday from Albany.

T. D. Campbell has taken charge of the Benton County Lumber yard near the S. P. depot. Will furnish building material. See Mr. Campbell before you buy.

Springfield, O., March 9.—Intense excitement prevails here at an early hour this morning, which not even the presence of seven companies military can allay. This excitement is shared by all the business men and property owners of the city who fear that some negroes will attempt to avenge the burning of the levy district by firing the down-town district. So far the negroes have not tried to make good their threats to dynamite the county jail to "even up" with Sheriff Routzahn for permitting the negro murderer Dixon to be taken by the mob Monday evening, without the shedding of blood to save him. Not a fourth of the business district of the city is under patrol by either militia or police, and it looks as if a close guard would have to be kept for several days to prevent further incendiary.

There is little or no disorder, the mob of 2000 men standing quietly by watching the spread of the flames in the neighborhood of Spring and Gallagher streets, and apparently ready to help, if it should show signs of spreading beyond the confines they originally set for.

At 11:20 the threat of the mob, frequently made through the day and evening, was finally made good and a volume of flame was seen to shoot up from the rear of a place occupied by "Lee" Thomee, a saloon keeper. Preceding the firing of the building, the mob, at a distance of 100 feet, shot at the front of the building for half an hour, but it is not known whether any of the occupants had remained in the building, and if they did, whether any fatalities resulted from the shooting.

The fire spread both ways from Thomas' place. It is thought the mob will not tolerate any effort of the fire department to put out the fire in the levee district, but will offer no resistance in the attempts to confine the fire to the buildings along Washington street, known as the levee.

At midnight the entire block in Washington street from Gallagher street west to Spring street is on fire with no hope of saving any of the buildings. The troops from Cincinnati, Mismisburg and Dayton, will be here on a special train in 15 minutes. They are urgently needed, and it is entirely probable the negroes will make good their threats to fire the business districts of the city and dynamite the jail and other county buildings.

Throughout the day there was a vague unrest in every quarter of the city. The body of the lynched negro was taken from the telegraph pole at three o'clock this morning and was placed in a little undertaking shop. Through the forenoon fully 10,000 people saw the body and stood about the city in groups. The police and officials were worried, but did not know what was best to do.

At noon the undertaking office was closed. The vast throng did not disperse, and nobody seemed to be working. Early in the evening there were reports of threatened trouble, which flew thick and fast, and the crowds in the streets grew larger. It was rumored that the negroes would attempt to burn the city.

The police were in a state bordering on a panic after their horrible experience at the jail the night before. They had been without sleep, were nervous and at high tension. They appealed to the mayor and a council was called.

In the meantime the crowds increased. The majority of the mob seemed to be at the railroad station, almost in the heart of the city and close to the levee. The police tried to scatter them, but were only partially successful. In this crowd a negro fired a shot. There was a cry that it was aimed at an officer, and immediately the whole contingent of police and the mob at their heels with a yell started after him. The negro escaped.

Negroes were not much in evidence throughout the early part of the evening. When they appeared they were greeted with hoots and yells.

The feeling of unrest is accentuated by the uncertainty as to where the trouble may next begin.

Notice.

Wanted, a man to do general farm work. Apply to James Herron, Bruce, Oregon.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Lina Neugass, deceased, with will annexed, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Benton County his final account as the administrator of said estate and that Saturday the 9th day of April 1904, at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. has been fixed by said court as the time for hearing of objections to said report and the settlement thereof. M. JACOBS, Administrator of the Estate of Lina Neugass, deceased.

Lumber and Building Material. From now on we will keep in stock a Full Line of Building Lumber. We have arranged with the Curtis Lumber Co. to handle their lumber at Corvallis. We are now prepared to offer Special Prices on a large stock of material. Central Planing Mills & Box Factory.

HOME-SEEKERS! IF YOU ARE LOOKING FOR SOME REAL good bargains in stock, grain, fruit and poultry Ranches, write for my special list, or come and see me. I shall take pleasure in giving you all the reliable information you wish, also showing you over the country. HENRY AMBLER, Real Estate, Loan, and Insurance, Philomath, Oregon.

E. E. WHITE REAL ESTATE CO. TO HOMESEEKERS. You have come from the land of ice and snow. And you don't know just where you want to go. You have not yet run short of cash and you want to invest so as not to smash. Perhaps you're a farmer—want someone to show Where the largest and best crops unfailingly grow And tell and assure you exactly where You will surely be dealt with just and fair.— Where they will not try to cheat and beat you, If you are earnestly trying to purchase a home Just call at the office of White & Stone. On Main street, Corvallis, they will be found Always ready and willing to show you around; If you would be used very nice and polite. You should make the acquaintance of E. E. White. We are certain to please with the farms to be shown By our gentlemanly solicitor H. M. Stone. They will tell you where the best prunes grow— They have been in the business and surely know. And where to grow fine grain, but if dairying you would try They can tell you just where a fine ranch to buy. They do your business.—deal in city lands And the renting of houses is in their hands. So when you come here, a stranger and alone, Just call at the office of White & Stone. Dr. Wells, the Albany V S will be at Fruits livery stables every Friday of each week. Bring your horses and have them examined free of charge. Go to Zieroff's for fresh Yaquina Bay oysters.

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